

**STATUS OF CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended.) An optically clear lens having antimicrobial properties comprising more than about 0.01 weight percent silver, where said lens is formed by incorporating silver having an average particle size of about 2 to about 8 microns into a lens polymer, forming said clear lens from said lens polymer and treating said clear lens with an oxidizing agent activated by treatment with an oxidizing agent.
2. (Original.) The lens of claim 1 wherein, the lens is a soft contact lens.
3. (Currently Amended.) The lens of claim 1 wherein, the lens polymer is a silicone hydrogel.
4. (Original.) The lens of claim 1 having about 0.02 to about 0.2 weight percent activated silver.
5. (Original.) The lens of claim 1 having about 0.05 to about 0.2 weight percent activated silver.
6. (Currently Amended.) The lens of claim 1 wherein, the lens polymer is a silicone hydrogel having about 0.02 to about 0.1 weight percent activated silver.
7. (Currently Amended.) The lens of claims 6, 5, or 4 wherein the lens polymer is lenefilcon A, aquafilcon A, etafilcon A, genfilcon A, balafilcon A, polymacon, or lotrafilcon A.
8. (Currently Amended.) A method of reducing a lens wearer's adverse microbial reactions comprising, the step of providing an optically clear lens having antimicrobial properties, the lens comprising more than about 0.01 weight percent silver, where said lens is formed by incorporating silver having an average particle size of about

2 to about 8 microns into a lens polymer, forming said clear lens from said lens polymer and treating said clear lens with an oxidizing agent activated by treatment with an oxidizing agent.

9. (Original.) The method of claim 8 wherein the lens is a contact lens.

10. (Original.) The method of claim 8 wherein, the lens has about 0.02 to about 0.2 weight percent activated silver.

11. (Currently Amended.) The method of claim 8 wherein, the lens polymer is a silicone hydrogel having about 0.05 to about 0.1 percent activated silver.

12. (Currently Amended.) A method of producing an optically clear hydrogel lens having antimicrobial properties comprising more than about 0.01 weight percent activated silver, where the method comprises the ~~step~~ steps of, incorporating silver having an average particle size of about 2 to about 8 microns into a lens polymer, forming said clear hydrogel lens from said lens polymer and treating a said clear hydrogel lens containing silver with an oxidizing agent.

13. (Original.) The method of claim 12 wherein, the oxidizing agent is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen peroxide, sodium hypochlorite, peroxy acids, bromine, chlorine, chromic acid, potassium permanganate and iodine.

14. (Original.) The method of claim 12 wherein the oxidizing agent is sodium hypochlorite.

Claims 15 and 16 have been canceled.

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